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The cited references fail to teach or suggest the contact elements of Applicants' invention as set forth in the claims which are mounted in the quick connector housing and positioned for engagement with an outer diameter of an inserted endform.

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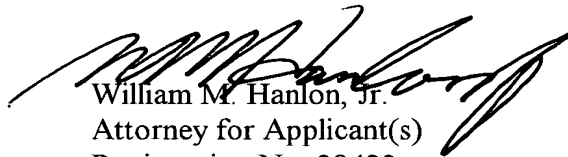
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